

YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

Catching Frogs at Night—Bright Sayings of Little Folks—Woodchuck and Bobolink.

France is called the country of "frog eaters," but it is very likely that more frogs' legs are today eaten in the United States than in any other country in the world.

Frog hunting is always done at night, and the darker the night the better. Nothing can be done at catching frogs when the moon is out.

With a dark night and still water the hunters fasten their flashlight on the box of their boat. One of them takes his pole in his hand, while his companion, who is to act as pointer of the boat, takes the set pole with which to push the craft along and stations himself in the stern.

A frog is soon sighted. He sits, for instance, on a log, facing the boat, at a distance of 50 or 60 feet. His blinking eyes are fastened upon the blind light, which seems to possess for him a strange fascination.

Having reached a point within five or six feet of the frog, the man in the bow of the boat signals to his companion with his hand, and the boat is held still. They are careful not to touch the pole and, being careful not to allow the pole or any portion of his arm to come in front of the ray of light, thus produce a shadow to frighten the frog.

Johns and the Prince. Among the many bright sayings of little folks now going the rounds are the following:

"Now," said an English schoolmaster as he displayed a bright 5-shilling piece in view between the tips of his fingers and thumb, "the first boy or girl that puts a nibble to me which I cannot answer will receive this as a gift. Any nibble?" he asked as soon as silence was restored and no one had claimed the gift.

"Yes, sir," said out a little fellow from the further end of the schoolroom. "Why am I like the Prince of Wales?"

"The Prince of Wales?" said the master thoughtfully. "Really, Johnny, I see no resemblance in you. I'll give him."

"Thomas!" cried the boy joyfully. "I'm waiting for the crown!"

Some Points. The young man signed a note, such as is commonly used in the pen. "What's that?" asked the girl. "A note," he said. "What's that?" "A note," he said. "What's that?" "A note," he said.

A Cowbird's White Crest. One of the ornithologists attached to the Smithsonian institution was collecting specimens of the birds of south-western Mexico not long ago when he saw a cowbird which seemed to him to possess a white crest.

After the Supper. The Youth—I could die for you! The Songstress—If we got too many dead ones on the list now,—Indianapolis Press.

Not Half Enough. "Isn't this called a horn of plenty, mamma?" asked little Johnny as he held up a small cornucopia.

"Yes," replied his mother. "Isn't that a pretty name for it?" "Yes, I guess so," said Johnny, "but I don't see what the name's got to do with it. I've eaten all the candy there was in it, and there wasn't half enough."

To Make It More Substantial. "Harry, that gown I'm telling you about is a perfect dream."

"Well, I see by the way you return to the subject that you are working me to make it a reality."—Chicago Record.

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A NATIONAL FLOWER.

Governor Lounsbury May Call a Convention to Decide Upon One.

As governor of his state George E. Lounsbury of Connecticut hasn't had much of a chance to attain prominence. He now proposes to secure a little bit of a niche in the Temple of Fame. To that end he contemplates calling a national convention of two delegates from each state to meet in New Haven some time in March or April to decide upon a national flower, which shall be recommended to congress for adoption.



GOVERNOR LOUNSBURY.

the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland and the shamrock of Ireland. Largely through the efforts of the late Colonel Elliott F. Shepard New York's schoolchildren at a vote taken on Arbor day in 1891 decided for the rose as against the rosewood, a typical American flower.

This was done after a vote the year previous which showed no majority for any one blossom, though the gold-crowned and a slight lead among the more than 125 varieties voted for. Since then Iowa has declared in favor of the rose, North Dakota for the wild rose, while Georgia has said the Cherokee rose of its hedges is its favorite. Alabama, Nebraska and Oregon have declared for the goldenrod. These two flowers are the leaders in the race for popularity. Other states, either by vote of schoolchildren, popular vote or legislation, have made choices for state flower which serve to indicate how they would vote on a ballot for a national flower.

The choices, according to the tabulator referred to, are these: Maine, pine cone and tassel; Vermont, red clover; Rhode Island, violet; Massachusetts, mayflower (trailing arbutus); Delaware, peach; Minnesota, mosses; Michigan, apple; Montana, bitter root; Colorado, columbine; Idaho, syringa; Kansas, sunflower; Oklahoma Territory, mistletoe; Utah, sage lily; Nevada, sage brush; New Mexico, cactus; California, poppy; Washington, rhododendron, and in Illinois, where a vote was taken as to a choice, there was almost an equal division between the rose and the violet, the former being a slight choice. Florists rather favor the adoption of the American Beauty rose as an essentially American production and one that will grow in any state of the Union as well as because of its intrinsic beauty.

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BRITISH FAIL AGAIN; FORCED TO RETREAT

General Buller Is Once More South of the Tugela.

NORRELIEF FOR LADYSMITH

Dispatch From the Front Describing the Retirement Says the Superiority of the Boer Shell Fire Rendered the Advance Impossible.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—The third attempt of General Buller to relieve Ladysmith has failed. An Associated Press dispatch dated "Headquarters Camp, Springfield Bridge, Feb. 9," gives the story of his retirement to the south side of the Tugela river. It says:

"The position taken north of Tugela river proved a difficult one to maintain. The regiments sent across as reinforcements went into the front line of trenches, but owing to the great strength of the Boers in the Brak ooston hills to the left it was found impossible to advance without incurring unnecessary loss. The Boers continued shelling the British position. Several 'Long Tom' shells burst among the transport trains and four burst on Zwart Kop, but the Boers could not get the range. The British guns posted there failed to silence 'Long Tom' or other massed guns. The Boers continued to work the Nordenevents on the British infantry entrenched on the hill. The fight was severe at times.

"Wednesday afternoon General Buller resolved not to press the advance by this route. The transport train moved back and the infantry retired from Vaal Krantz.

"Wednesday night the guns of the Swart Kop replied to the Boers' shell fire. When they commenced to shell the transport train the Boers got a large number of cannon into position. "Their superiority of shell fire rendered the advance impossible."

Boers Hold Their Ground.

General Buller is once more south of the Tugela river; General MacDonald is back at the Modder river, and apparently, the Boers have lost none of the celerity they have held so long. Yet the news by no means causes the acute disappointment attendant upon the other failures to relieve Ladysmith.

This can be attributed to three causes—first, there is a strong belief that General Buller's last attempt was only a demonstration on a large scale; second, the wiser critics had warned the public not to expect the immediate relief of General Buller; third, the nation has settled down to the realization that the war will last a long time, and they are not swayed as at first by minor reverses and victories.

The second and third reasons are self-explanatory. The first requires considerable elucidation. In favor of the opinion held by Spencer Wilkinson, the military critic of the Morning Post, that General Buller did not intend immediately pushing on to Ladysmith, there is overwhelming evidence to show that Field Marshal Lord Roberts ordered systematic activity upon the part of all forces. On this basis, General Buller's move may only be a reticence of General MacDonald's and General Buller's reticence.

Buller Aes Under Orders.

Mr. Buller's ambiguous statement about awaiting the completion of the paths is another strong reason for believing General Buller never intended to make the main advance via Vaal Krantz, but was acting under the orders of Lord Roberts. It is also curious that the news of General Buller's retirement first came from the Boer head camp near Ladysmith and that the British correspondents were freely allowed to send dispatches before anything from General Buller was published.

The muscular appeal of Bennett Brice, a war correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, among the main reasons for not pushing and rely on General Buller, also has considerable significance. On the other hand, General Buller's reticence to his troops in which he said he hoped to be in Ladysmith within a week, tends, some people claim, to throw doubt on the belief that he is only being demonstrating in force.

The latest news from the Modder river shows that General MacDonald's retirement from Koodoosberg was a reticence in another strong reason for believing General Buller never intended to make the main advance via Vaal Krantz, but was acting under the orders of Lord Roberts. It is also curious that the news of General Buller's retirement first came from the Boer head camp near Ladysmith and that the British correspondents were freely allowed to send dispatches before anything from General Buller was published.

With this important unit, General Buller's force is rehabilitated for vigorous attack on General Cronje, an attempt to relieve Kimberley may be looked for, more than likely superintended by Lord Roberts, while in Seventh division and part of General.

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French's cavalry are occupied this morning movement east of Jacobsina.

A dispatch from Rensberg, dated Friday, Feb. 9, reports much aggressive activity against all the British reconnoitering and denoting the Boers are in no sense surrounded at Colesberg, but are simply held in check by a series of camps forming a semicircle from east to west. The Boers, it is added, are still in full possession of their lines of communication with the Free State and hold strong positions around Colesberg.

During the morning of Feb. 9 a bombardment with vividity occurred at Rensberg and the Boers' Maxim Vickers guns are believed to have been silenced. A dozen dead Boers were found on the kopjes.

Lord Roberts has addressed another letter to Presidents Kruger and Steyn, complaining of the wanton destruction of property in Natal.

An Extra Cabinet Session.

An extra cabinet council was held during the afternoon, in response to summons issued yesterday afternoon. The council lasted over two hours. Several members of the defense committee were present and Lord Salisbury presided. The premier held a supplementary consultation after the departure of the majority of his colleagues.

A special dispatch dated Spearman's Camp Friday, Feb. 9, says that General Buller's retirement was merely temporary owing to the determination to change tactics.

Lovely Lace Robes.

In her possession the Princess of Wales has a lovely robe of Brussels lace bestowed upon her by the king of the Belgians when she married. This lace robe, made in a unique design, is said to have cost no less than \$50,000. The design was destroyed as soon as the work was completed, so that none other than the princess should possess a robe of the sort. King Leopold, who is both rich and generous, has given many lace gowns as beautiful as this one to other brides, who are, however, distantly related to him.

THE OYSTER SEASON.

The oyster is his food of choice. Waked with a start from his summer snooze, he opened his shell, and said, with a yawn: "I fear that our season of safety is gone. For my pleasant dreams were disturbed by the jar."

That is always caused by the letter R. And I know by the keel of that hideous sloop that some of us shortly will be in the soup! And so they will for the sloop was filled with the finest and fattest. This sloop was sent out by Nick Apostle and these choice oysters are now for sale, done or raw, ready to chew, at his restaurant. You can get them by the plate, dozen, hundred, barrel, dray load, wagon load or car load. Owing to the rush of business the serving of regular meals will be discontinued after this week, but special orders will be served at any hour of the day or night.

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